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The cartridge 12 has electrical contacts 24 mounted within a cavity 80 and an ink outlet 90 disposed on the same face thereof. The contacts 24 engage electrical contacts 30 mounted on a tapered connector 118 of the printer when inserted thereon. The connector is movable laterally to correct any misalignment of the contacts on engagement thereof to prevent any loading or unbalanced forces on the cartridge that may cause ink leakage at the interconnection between the outlet 90 and a printer inlet 104.

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